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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/2\*

U. S. INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

(Effective 21 January 1972)

1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, a comprehensive listing of U. S. intelligence objectives and priorities will be promulgated by the Director of Central Intelligence. This listing is intended to serve as guidance for planning and programming U. S. intelligence efforts over a period of five years.

2. The objectives listed will identify intelligence targets in terms of information needed to enable the U. S. intelligence community to provide effective support for the decision making, planning and operational activities of the United States Government relating to national security and foreign policy. Priorities reflecting the relative importance of such intelligence are to be assigned to each objective for every country to which that objective applies.

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\* This directive and the objectives/priorities listing which it calls for supersede DCID 1/2, "Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives", 15 September 1958, and DCID 1/3 "Priority National Intelligence Objectives", 16 May 1968.

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3. The comprehensive listings promulgated under this directive will be reviewed annually to ensure: (a) that major changes in the international situation or modifications of U.S. national policy goals are reflected in objectives and assigned priorities; and (b) that the structure and format of the listing remains appropriate as a means of expressing U.S. intelligence needs. The Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation (D/DCI/NIPE) is assigned responsibility for conducting these reviews, with appropriate participation of members of the intelligence community. USIB agencies may request that revision be considered without waiting for the scheduled annual review.

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